

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

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AMENDMENTS

☒ If checked, amendments to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. Specification:

Please delete the paragraph at page 2, line 4 to page 2, line 5; paragraph at page 2, line 6 to page 2, line 7; paragraph at page 2, line 8 to page 2, line 10; paragraph at page 5, line 21 to page 6, line 3; paragraph at page 6, line 7 to page 6, line 9; Paragraph at page 8, line 12 to page 8, line 16 and replace such paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Revisions are being made to clarify the specification. No new matter is included.

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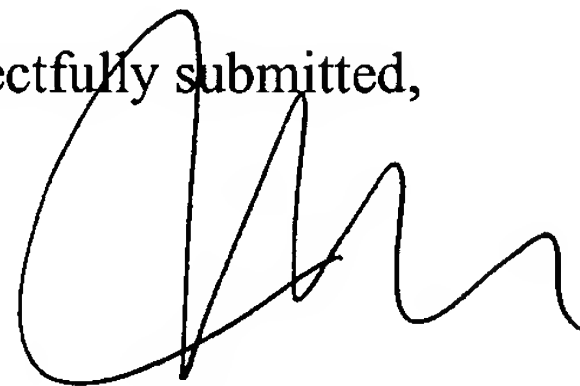
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